
IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES.

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AMENDMENT

Intended to be proposed by Mr. GREEN to the "Bill (H. R. 895) making appropriations for sundry civil expenses of the government for the year ending June thirty, eighteen hundred and sixty-two, namely: At the end of the first section add the following:

1 To enable the Secretary of the Navy to carry out the
2 conditional contract made by him with the Chiriqui Im-
3 provement Company and Ambrose W. Thompson on the
4 twenty-first day of May, eighteen hundred and fifty-nine,
5 for the purpose of securing to the United States certain
6 valuable privileges and rights specified in the said con-
7 tract, the sum of three hundred thousand dollars: *Provided,*
8 The said sum shall, as the President may elect, be paid in
9 cash, or in the bonds of the United States having twenty
10 years to run, and bearing six per centum interest payable
11 semi-annually.

12 The said conditional contract is hereby approved, pro-
13 vided the following amended conditions explanatory thereof
14 shall be added thereto, namely :

15 The said contract shall convey to the United States,
16 for the use of the Navy Department, such coves or inte-
17 rior inland harbors, suitable for the shelter and repair of
18 vessels of the Navy, as may be best adapted therefor, and
19 which are secured by the grants and privileges "in full
20 property and possession," held by the said company and
21 the said Thompson, and shall convey in fee or by renewable
22 leases in periods of ninety-nine years, as shall be deter-
23 mined by the President of the United States, all the land
24 required for coal and other stations, not exceeding five thou-
25 thousand acres on either side, with the right to cut and use
26 the timber thereon for naval purposes, and shall convey the
27 perpetual right to use such quantities of coal from the mines
28 of Chiriqui for the Navy as may be required for the Gulf
29 squadron, and a supply of coal for the Pacific squadron after a
30 railroad shall be constructed from the Atlantic to the Pacific,
31 at or near the harbors of the Chiriqui Lagoon and Golfito,
32 and shall convey the right of transporting over the road all
33 the properties and things of the United States government,
34 and all persons in the employ or service thereof, free from
35 tolls, during the period of the grant so far as such right is
36 given under the said grant; but this right or the right to

37 use the stations on the Atlantic or Pacific shall not be
38 understood to affect the sovereign right which New Gran-
39 ada or Costa Rica may have over the territory in which the
40 grant of land and privileges are located.

41 The said sum hereby appropriated shall be paid so
42 soon as a contract shall be entered into, with guarantees of
43 performance satisfactory to the President, for the delivery
44 of supplies of coal in the quantities which may be estimated
45 to be required per month at the station of the Chiriqui
46 Lagoon at one half the price per ton which coal now costs
47 the government at Aspinwall—providing also for supplies of
48 coal at Golfito at one half the price which coal now costs the
49 government at Panama: *Provided further*, That if upon a re-
50 examination of the titles of the said Chiriqui Improvement
51 Company and the said Ambrose W. Thompson, it shall be
52 ascertained by the President of the United States that the
53 grant of land “in full property and possession” on the
54 Atlantic, and the grant of land for colonization within certain
55 limits—“the territory therein conceded”—on the Pacific which
56 said grants meet at the summit of the Cordilleras, and extend
57 from ocean to ocean, embracing the harbors of Admiral’s
58 Bay and the Chiriqui Lagoon, on the Atlantic, and Golfito and
59 Golfo Dulce, on the Pacific, and other grants represented
60 in said title papers, do not include and cover the right to
61 improve or make a railroad over the said territory owned

62 and held by the said Thompson and the said company,
63 he shall then, in his discretion, withhold from present pay-
64 ment one hundred thousand dollars of the sum hereby
65 appropriated, and cause the same to be transmitted in specie
66 to San Jose, in Costa Rica, to be applied to fulfilling the
67 conditions of the railroad grant or contract made under
68 authority of the Congress of Costa Rica by the President of
69 that republic to and with Ambrose W. Thompson: *Pro-*
70 *vided further*, That the conditional contract as amended and
71 explained in accordance herewith, and the contract for coal
72 delivery, shall be submitted to the President of the United
73 States and receive his approval before they shall become
74 binding under this act.

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